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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 880**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas**

February 26, 2015

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An act to ~~amend~~ add Section ~~1625~~ of 1626.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 880, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Dentistry: *licensure: exempt*.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of persons engaged in the practice of dentistry by the Dental Board of California. ~~The act defines dentistry as the diagnosis or treatment, by surgery or other method, of diseases and lesions and the correction of malpositions of the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, or associated structures, and provides that a person practices dentistry if that person performs various specified acts., and prohibits the practice of dentistry by any person without a valid license, except in certain circumstances.~~

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

*This bill would additionally exempt from that prohibition the practice of dentistry, as specified and as approved by the board, by a final year student without compensation or expectation of compensation and under the supervision of a licensed dentist in a free clinic.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 1626.6 is added to the Business and*  
2     *Professions Code, to read:*

3     1626.6. (a) (1) *In addition to the exemptions set forth in*  
4     *Section 1626, the practice of dentistry by a final year student*  
5     *rendered or performed without compensation or expectation of*  
6     *compensation under the supervision of a licensed dentist in a free*  
7     *clinic is exempt from the operation of this chapter.*

8     (2) *The practice of dentistry exempted by paragraph (1) only*  
9     *includes those operations, approved by the board, that are*  
10    *described in the exemption provided in subdivision (b) of Section*  
11    *1626 and rendered or performed under the same supervisory*  
12    *conditions.*

13    (b) *For purposes of this section, all of the following shall apply:*

14    (1) *“Free clinic” means a clinic as defined in Section 1200 of*  
15    *the Health and Safety Code where there are no charges directly*  
16    *to the patient for services rendered or for drugs, medicines,*  
17    *appliances, or apparatuses furnished, including, but not limited*  
18    *to, a free clinic as defined in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1)*  
19    *of subdivision (a) of Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code.*

20    (2) *“Final year student” means a student of dentistry in his or*  
21    *her final year of completion at a dental school approved by the*  
22    *board.*

23    (3) *“Licensed dentist” means a dentist licensed pursuant to this*  
24    *chapter.*

25    ~~SECTION 1. Section 1625 of the Business and Professions~~  
26    ~~Code is amended to read:~~

27    ~~1625. Dentistry is the diagnosis or treatment, by surgery or~~  
28    ~~other method, of diseases and lesions and the correction of~~  
29    ~~malpositions of the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, or~~  
30    ~~associated structures. That diagnosis or treatment may include all~~  
31    ~~necessary related procedures as well as the use of drugs, anesthetic~~  
32    ~~agents, and physical evaluation. Without limiting the foregoing,~~  
33    ~~a person practices dentistry within the meaning of this chapter who~~  
34    ~~does one or more of the following:~~

35    ~~(a) By card, circular, pamphlet, newspaper, or in any other way~~  
36    ~~advertises himself or herself or represents himself or herself to be~~  
37    ~~a dentist.~~

1     ~~(b) Performs, or offers to perform, an operation or diagnosis of~~  
2     ~~any kind, or treats diseases or lesions of the human teeth, alveolar~~  
3     ~~process, gums, jaws, or associated structures, or corrects malposed~~  
4     ~~positions thereof.~~

5     ~~(c) In any way indicates that he or she will perform by himself~~  
6     ~~or herself or his or her agents or servants an operation upon the~~  
7     ~~human teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, or associated structures;~~  
8     ~~or in any way indicates that he or she will construct, alter, repair,~~  
9     ~~or sell a bridge, crown, denture or other prosthetic appliance or~~  
10    ~~orthodontic appliance.~~

11    ~~(d) Makes, or offers to make, an examination of, with the intent~~  
12    ~~to perform or cause to be performed an operation on the human~~  
13    ~~teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, or associated structures.~~

14    ~~(e) Manages or conducts as manager, proprietor, conductor,~~  
15    ~~lessor, or otherwise, a place where dental operations are performed.~~